

ASHBOURNE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1948.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Ashbourne Rural District Council.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health, sanitary circumstances, vital statistics and various activities of the Health Department for the year ending 1948.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area. 86,188 acres.

Population. Estimated by the Registrar General 11,560.

Estimated number of inhabited houses according to rate books. 3,211.

Rateable Value. £42,018.

Products of a penny rate. £170.

The chief industries carried on in the District are Dairy Farming, limestone quarrying and grinding, gravel digging, silica digging and manufacturing the same into refractory articles. There is also a Tape Mill.

Extract from Vital Statistics of the Year.

BIRTHS.

<u>Live Births</u>	Male	Female	Total	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the civil population.
Legitimate	108	92	200	
Illegitimate	5	1	6	
	<u>113</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>206</u>	17.8

Still Births

Legitimate	2	0	2	
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	
	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	.26

DEATHS.

50	59	109
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Death rate per 1,000 of Civil population - 9.5

Natural increase of population - 97.

Number of persons dying in or in consequence of childbirth

From Puerperal Sepsis	Nil
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From other maternal causes	Nil
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INFANT MORTALITY.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age -

	Male	Female	Total.
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>

Infant Mortality Rates (i.e. Deaths of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 births) - 23



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DEATHS FROM CERTAIN SELECTED CAUSES.

	Male	Female	Total.
Cancer all ages.	9	13	22
Measles.	0	0	0
Heart Disease.	13	15	28
Whooping Cough.	0	0	0
Diarrhoea (under 2 yrs of age)	0	0	0
Influenza	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

	Under 5	Between 5 - 15
No. of children immunised up to 4.7.48.	48	16

One case of diphtheria was reported during the year. The patient had not been immunised.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE YEAR.

Under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the Derbyshire County Council now administer the laboratory facilities, nursing in the home, treatment centres, clinics and hospitals.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.WATER SUPPLY.

The water main extension to supply the villages of Carsington, Ballidon, Kniveton, Fenny Bentley, Thorpe and Mappleton has been laid and put into service. A reservoir of 20,000 gallons capacity has been constructed at Haven Hill in connection with the same.

The private scheme which supplied Thorpe village has been taken over by the Council and incorporated in the Regional Scheme.

In order to increase the supply of water, also with a view to extending the mains to Braibford, Hollington and Longford a borehole has been sunk at Yeldersley and tested by a continuous pumping test over 14 days and nights when a supply equal to 237,000 gallons per day was found. A duplicate borehole is now being sunk.

A start has been made with the Cubley regional water scheme main laying and erection of 150,000 gallons capacity reservoir. A duplicate borehole has also been sunk.

The Ministry of Health have given permission for the installation of an iron removal plant and provision for adding a water softener plant at the pumping station which is in course of construction.

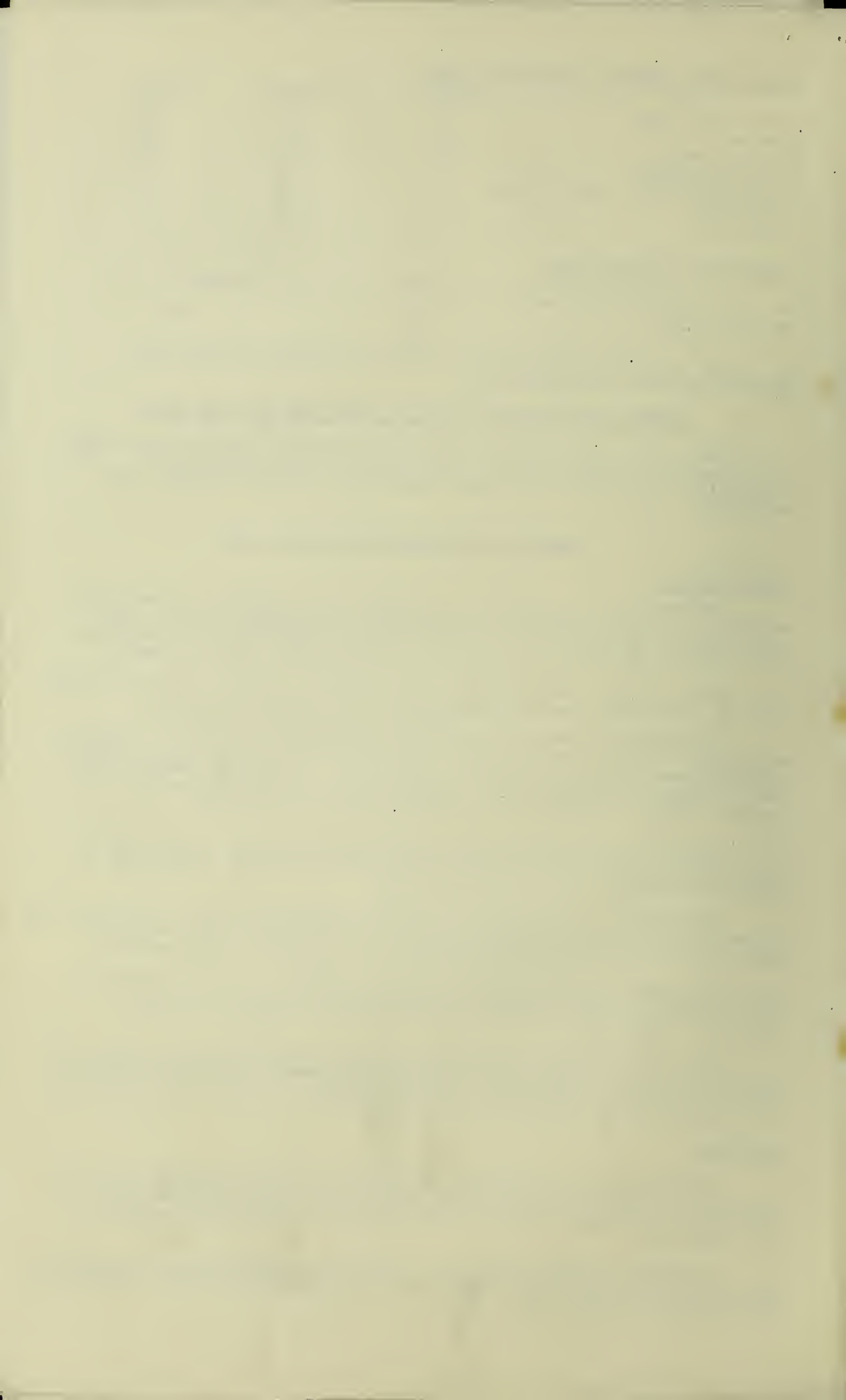
When this scheme is completed next Spring, it will provide a piped supply to all villages in the district south of Clifton - Rodsley - Alkington.

The last section of the main journey the Brassington water main to Hartington via Longcliffe has been commenced, and when completed the mains will be continuous from Hartington in the North to Clifton and Shirley in the centre of the District.

SEWERAGE.

Schemes for the complete sewerage and sewage disposal for the villages of Clifton, Parwich and Hlland Ward have been prepared by the Consulting Engineers and submitted to the Ministry of Health for approval.

A scheme for Brassington has also been submitted and approved. New sewers and temporary works have been provided to deal with the new Brassington housing site.



LEGISLATION.

There has not been any adoptive Acts or sections thereof adopted by the Council during the past year.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Since water mains have been laid to a number of the Villages, there is an ever increasing request for permission to convert closets to water closets. Owing to the unsatisfactory method of sewage disposal in many Villages, these requests at the present time are unfortunately having to be discouraged.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The total amount of salvaged paper collected during the year was 11tons: 17cwts, being an increase of 10tons: 9 cwts over the previous year. The Council entered the National Waste Paper Contest and were successful in obtaining the fourth prize in the Rural District section of the competition.

A new Dennis refuse vehicle has been ordered and it is hoped to extend the refuse collection service to the remaining villages in the Rural District.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

During the year 908 calls were made by your Inspector for the abatement of nuisance, 49 Informal and 32 Formal Notices were served, 79 of which were complied with. No legal proceedings were instituted.

MILK & DAIRIES REGULATIONS 1926-43.

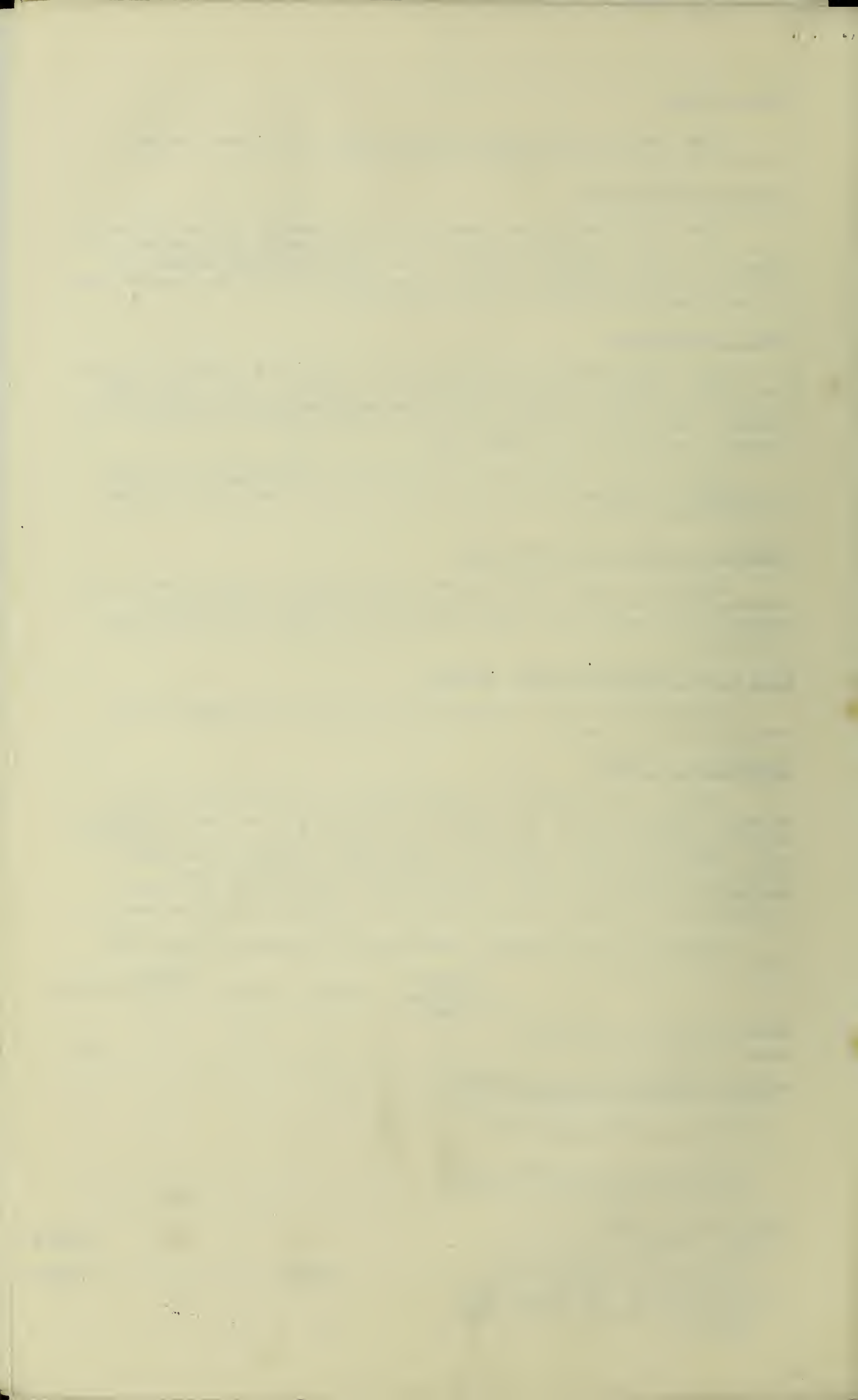
58 farms have been inspected in the area. Informal action was taken in 10 cases.

INSPECTION OF FOOD.

Owing to the central slaughtering of animals there are no animals slaughtered in the District except pigs for home consumption and "casualty" animals. Numerous pigs killed for home consumption were inspected at the request of the owner. Difficulties have arisen in cases where pigs were affected with generalized tuberculosis and the owner retained the carcasses for their own consumption. No further action could be taken by the Department.

Details of the carcasses inspected and condemned during the year are as follows :-

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)...	-	-	-	-	-
Number inspected ...	-	-	-	1	38
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcase condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned ..	-	-	-	-	419lbs.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	-	9lbs.	-	-	60lbs.
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with tuber- culosis.	-	-	-	-	-



INSPECTION OF FOOD (CONTD)

Regular inspections of meat and other foods have been made during the year. Details of visits and inspections made are as follows :-

Slaughterhouses	37
Bakehouses	6
Shop etc.	29
Catering establishments.	17

KNACKER'S YARD.

An application for the renewal of a licence for a Knacker's Yard was refused by the Council on the grounds that the premises were not suitable for use for the purpose in question.

HOUSING.

One Demolition Order on an individual unfit house was made during the year. The occupants were re-housed in a Council House.

FACTORIES.

11 inspections were made of factories in the area. 3 Informal Notices were served, all of which were complied with.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The particulars of the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than tuberculosis) in the area during the year are set out in the table -

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total cases notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Smallpox.	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	34	27	0
Diphtheria.	1	0	0
Enteric Fever.	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia.	0	0	0
Pneumonia.	12	0	3
Erysipelas.	10	0	0
Acute poliomyelitis.	2	2	0
Measles.	383	0	0
Whooping Cough	15	0	0

TUBERCULOSIS.

It has not been necessary to take any action under the Public Health (prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925, or, under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY.

New Cases - Respiratory 1. Non-Respiratory 5. Deaths 5.

I have the honour to be Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Hubert H. Smith

Medical Officer of Health.

August, 1949.

